TL: DELINQANON

WALK 2 TEACHER

NORTH ALPS, MOUNT HOTAKA-DAKE.

YOU GUYS DID GREAT IN THE RAIN!

I'M SO TIRED~

I'M HUNGRY!

OTANI MOUNTAIN RETREAT 2,200 METERS.

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ALRIGHT, HERE WE GO.

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YUJI INUI (30) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3RD YEAR TEACHER.

BEFORE WE HEAD IN LET ME JUST DO A QUICK HEAD COUNT.

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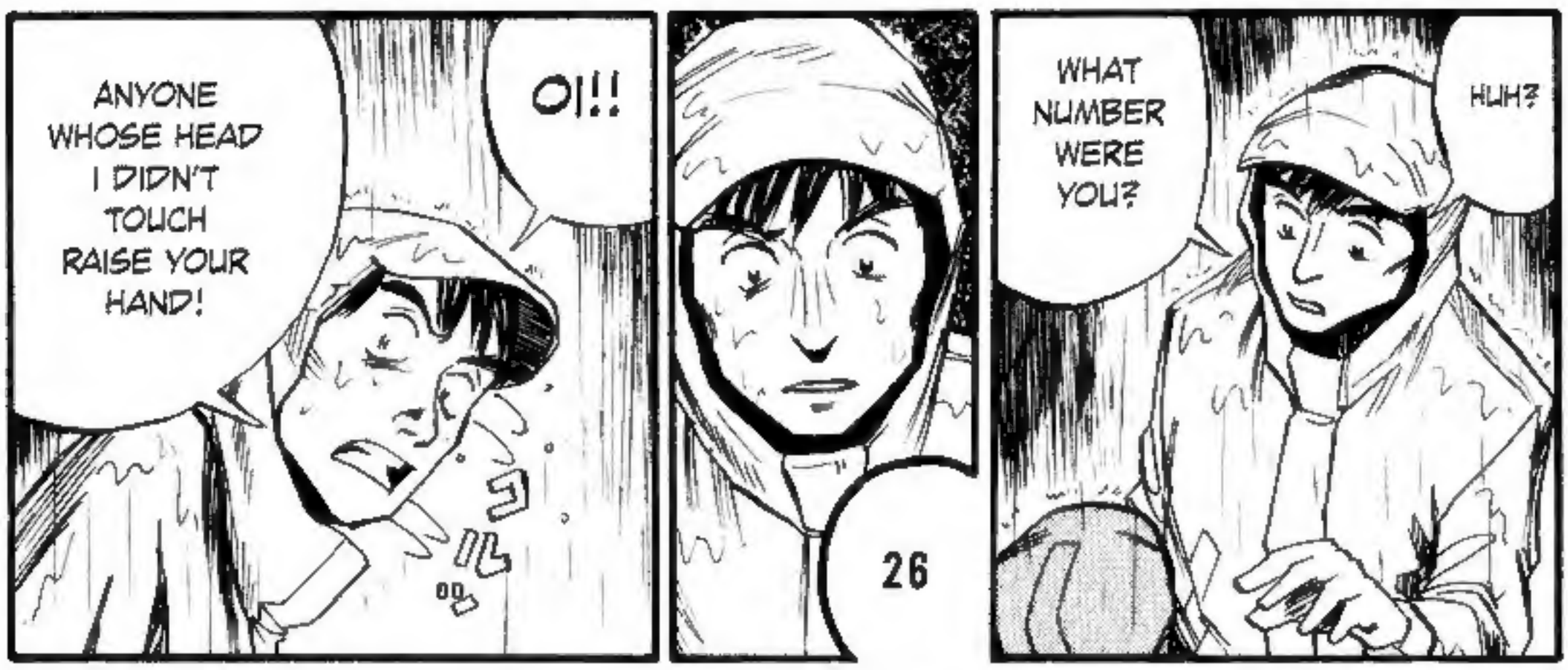
ARE WE FINISHED YET??
TEACHERRR I'M HUNGRY~


ANYONE WHOSE HEAD I DIDN'T TOUCH RAISE YOUR HAND!
OI!!
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WHAT NUMBER WERE YOU?
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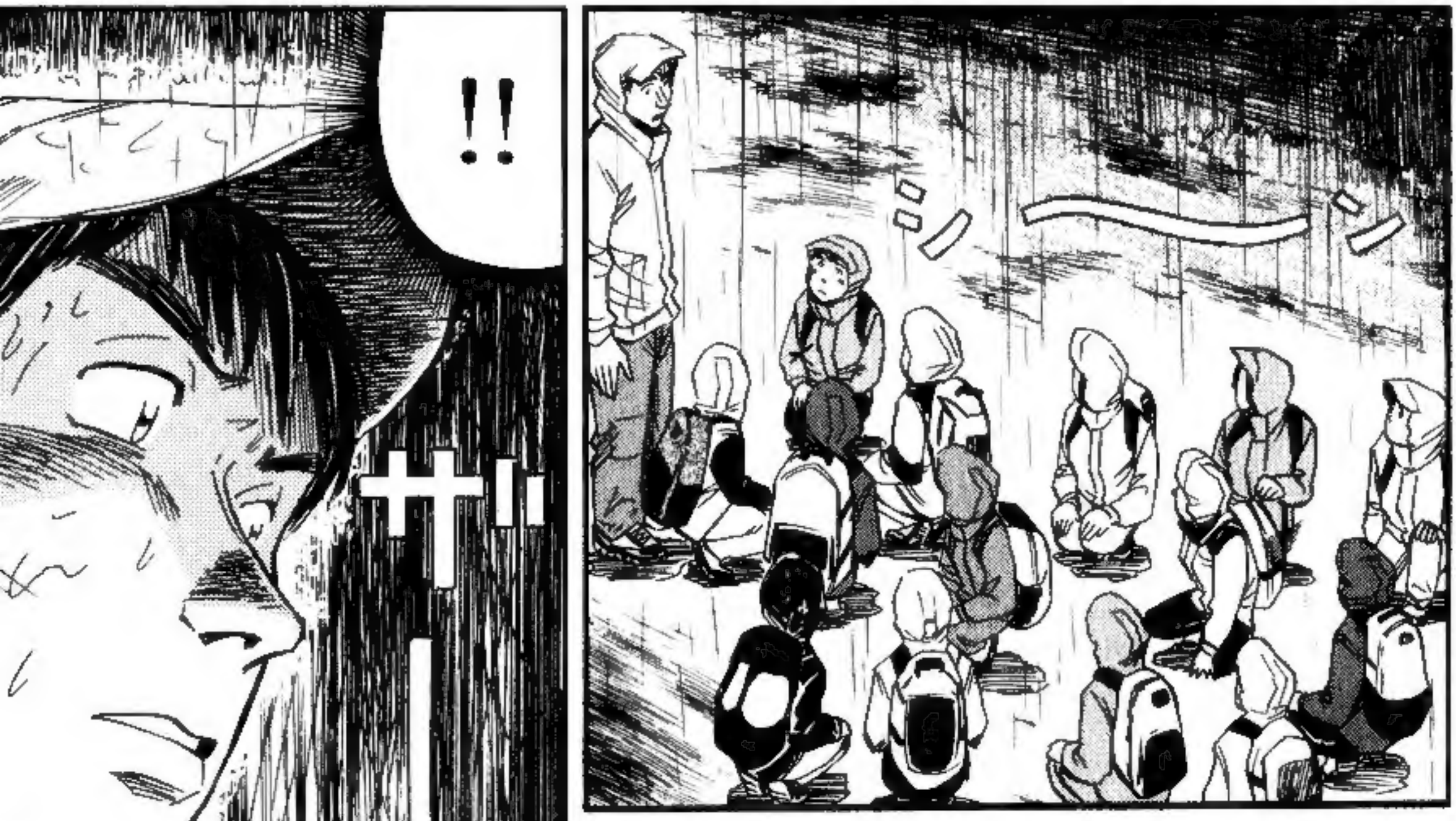
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WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE!?
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WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE!?

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A TEACHER!

I'M...

IT'S ALL A DANGEROUS PASSAGE!

IT'S ALL...

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SO FROM THEN UP UNTIL NOW,

WHEN WE TOOK A BREAK AN HOUR AGO THERE WERE 28 KIDS.

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SHOOT!

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I GOT WORRIED FROM HOW FAST YOU RAN BY MY TENT THAT I CAME TO CHECK OUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

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IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER. YOU'VE GOT SOME GOOD LUCK.

YOU'RE FINE.

N... NGH...

T... TWO OF THEM...

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A... ABOVE... MOUNTAIN PATH...

SLOWLY.

TCH...

YOU SHOULDN'T BE MOVING.

O...OI! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

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MY STUDENTS ARE MISSING!

MY....

YOU'RE BLEEDING FROM YOUR HEAD AND YOUR ARM AND LEGS ARE IN PAIN.

HE'S LOSING HIS HEAD...

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DON'T GO ANY FURTHER! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO!

ARE YOU GOING DOWN-STREAM!?

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OI!! LISTEN TO ME!

HEY!!

OH?

I'M NOT ABOUT TO BE LECTURED BY A VOLUNTEER!

WHAT DO YOU WANT!!

WAIT A SECOND! WAIT A SECOND!

MY NAME IS SANPO. I'M A MOUNTAIN RESCUER.

LET GO OF ME!

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TEACHER, THERE'S NO POINT IN LOOKING HERE.

IF YOU BELIEVE THEY ARE STILL ALIVE THEN CALM DOWN.

CALM DOWN.

THEY'D BE DEAD FOR SURE.

IF THEY DID FALL INTO THIS RIVER THEN THEY'RE DEAD.

RYUTO HAS A RED JACKET AND PANTS.

OKAY, YELLOW AND RED.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THEY WERE WEARING?

SATORU IS WEARING A YELLOW JACKET WITH BLACK PANTS AND A BLACK BACKPACK.

WERE THOSE TWO IN THE BACK OF THE GROUP

NO... IN THE BACK WAS THE CLASS REP.

YOU REMEMBER WHAT ALL YOUR STUDENTS WERE WEARING.

BUT THAT'S AMAZ NG ....

YEAH ....

EH?

THEY MIGHT HAVE SEPERATED FROM THE GROLP DURING THE BREAK ...

SO WHERE WOULD THEY BE?

SO THAT MEANS THEY DIDN'T FALL DOWN. SOMEONE WOULD HAVE NOTICED.

IT'S PRETTY AMAZING YOU BROUGHT A BUNCH OF KIDS TO THE MOUNTAINS!

AMAZ-ING!

IT'S GETTING COLDER AND THE RAIN IS POURING..!! THOSE TWO .....

ALRIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!!

IT WAS HOT...

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IT'S BECAUSE MY TEACHER DID THE SAME.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I WAS BROUGHT TO THE ALPS BY MY TEACHER,

IT WAS WHEN I JOINED THE MOUNTAINEER CLUB IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...

ALRIGHT, NOW COME TO ME ONE AT A TIME.

WHEN WE HAD ARRIVED AT THE TOP, THERE WAS AN UNBELIVABLE VIEW BUT...

CAN'T WE JUST QUIT ALREADY? SHITTY TEACHER...

IT MIGHT SOUND STUPID BUT,

DON'T TAKE TWO.

MY TEACHER HAD BROUGHT ONIGIRI FOR EACH ONÉ OF US...

I COULD UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN

I FELT AS IF,

ONE OF THE MEMBERS SLIPPED AND DIED.

WHY?

HOWEVER, TWO YEARS AFTER I GRADUATED THE CLUB BECAME NO MORE.

I SAW MY TEACHER AT THAT KID'S FUNERAL.

AND QUIT THE NEXT DAY.

HE TOOK RESPONSIBILITY AS A TEACHER.

HE HAD THE FACE AS IF HE WAS REFLECTING ON SOMETHING THOROUGHLY.

BUT... NOW...

FOR SOME REASON, MY TEACHER WASN'T CRYING.

HEY, TEACHER.

I FEEL LIKE I UNDERSTAND IT A LITTLE ...

JUST WHAT WAS HE THINKING AT THAT TIME?

HERE....

HERE...

THIS IS THE GRASS AREA WE CLIMBED THROUGH...

WE'VE ONLY SEPERATED FROM THE PATH A BIT BUT...

H- WHAT DO YOU MEAN

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HMM, WHAT'S HERE...

THIS WAY.

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HUH, THAT'S...

ON RAINY DAYS, IT'S EASY TO LOSE SIGHT OF SOMEONE IN AN OPEN SPACE RATHER THAN ON A PATH IN A FOREST.

THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL!?

TEAC-HER!?

OIIIII!

ALRIGHT, SO WE DON'T GET LOST, LET'S ROPE UP AND LOOK FOR THEM.

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I WONDER IF THEY CAME...

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MISTER ....

SORRY !!

WE'RE SORRY !!

INU!...

TL NOTE: WHAT TO DO IF SOMETHING HAPPENS

YES.

READ THAT?

DID... YOU GUYS...

WENT TO GO PEE ....

WHEN WE...

WE GOT LOST...

YOU HAD ME WORRIED SICK.

YOU KIDS.

TEACHER.... YOU'RE CRYING FROM JOY.

UWAAAAAAAAAH!

I'M SO GLAD.

IT'S NOTHING.

THANK YOU SANPO.

BUT WHEN THE MOTHER OF THE PERSON GONE MISSING IS RIDING IN THE HELICOPTER AS WELL,

HEY TEACHER... THERE'S BEEN MANY TIMES THAT THE HELICOPTER CAN'T FIND SOMEONE...

I'M TRULY HAPPY BUT IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN I'D HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THIS.

IT REALLY IS A MYSTERY BUT...

EVEN IF THEY ARE ALIVE OR DEAD... ODDLY ENOUGH THEY MANAGE TO FIND THE PERSON IN ONE TRY A LOT MORE OFTEN.

YOU FOUND YOUR STUDENTS BECAUSE YOU'RE THEIR TEACHER.

YEAH.

HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN 2

Lone Peak

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LONE PEAK IS A MOUTAIN THAT'S
ABOUT AN HOUR AWAY BY
CAR FROM SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.
HERE, I STUDIED A CLIMBING STYLE
CALLED "DOUBLE ROPE" THAT
USES TWO ROPES TO CLIMB.
AS I APPROACHED THE SUMMIT
THERE WERE GIANT GROUPS OF
LADYBUGS THAT MADE THE
ROCK APPEAR TO BE RED.